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House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban
Development, and Related Agencies
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mike Quigley
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban
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Chairman Cole and Ranking Member Quigley:

I request funding for Acadia Parish Vie Terre Beau Bridge Replacement in the fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Acadia Parish, Louisiana, located at 505 Northeast Court Circle, Crowley, LA 70526.

The funding would replace the functionally obsolete wooden Vie Terre Beau Bridge, which serves as a major thoroughway to support the agriculture industry. This bridge functions as a critical evacuation route during ever-increasing natural disasters. The proposed project would transform this dangerously deteriorated bridge into a more resilient, state-of-the-art bridge. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the bridge is a main agricultural route and a critical evacuation route. Studies have determined that replacement is the only viable option to avoid a collapse or other catastrophic event.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 U.S.C. 133(b).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, nor does anyone in my immediate family.

Respectfully,



Member of Congress